



## VIRGIL CLARK SMITH

### 2nd Senatorial District



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**Committees:** Gaming and Casino Oversight (Minority Vice Chair); Families, Mental Health and Human Services (Minority Vice Chair); Judiciary; Legislative Council

**Biography:** Democrat, of Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck; born July 4, 1947, at Detroit; Pershing High School, 1965; B.A., political science, Michigan State University; J.D., Wayne State University Law School, 1972. Following law school, Senator Smith became a legal advisor to community groups for Wayne County Legal Services rendering services for the Equal Justice Council, the Art Center Citizens Council, and for the Forest Park Development Project. Senator Smith has also acted as Supervising Attorney for Wayne County Legal Services and was Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit Law Department. He dedicated twelve years to the House of Representatives serving the 10th District. As a State Representative, he chaired the Economic Development and Energy Committee, and served on the Taxation, Judiciary, and Elections Committees, and the Special Committee on Court Reorganization. Senator Smith served on the Finance, Local Government and Veterans Committees, the 21st Century Commission on the Courts, and the Law Revision Commission. He is a member of the African-American Legislative Caucus. Elected to the State Senate, March 1988; Democratic Floor Leader.

